

# General Environmental Incident Summary

**Incident:** 1941      **Date/Time Notice:** 6/14/2013      0930      **DEM Incident No:**  
**Responsible Party:** Healthcare Environmental Services  
**Date Incident:** 6/14/2013      **Time Incident:** 0130      **Duration:** 2 hours  
**County:** Cass      **Twp:** 140      **Rng:** 49      **Sec:** 34      **Qtr:**  
**Lat:** 46.89793      **Long:** -96.85099      **Method:** Derived from TRS  
**Location Description:** 1420 40th St. N. Fargo ND

**Submitted By:** Miles Schacher      **Affiliation:**  
**Address:**  
**City:**      **State:**      **Zip:**

## Received By:

**Contact Person:** Chad Wold  
1420 40th St. N.  
Fargo, ND 58102

**Distance Nearest Occupied Building:** 50 Feet

**Type of Incident:** Fire

**Description of Released Contaminant:** Unknown

**Volume Spilled:**

**Ag Related:** No

**EPA Extremely Hazardous Substance:** Unknown

**Reported to NRC:** Unknown

## Cause of Incident:

Smoke from the Healthcare Environmental Services incinerator filled the building after a malfunction of the ID fan. The plant went into burn down mode and ceased all operations at that time. Fargo Fire evacuated the building and found no fire in the building it was contained in the incinerator. The building was cleared to be entered at 0540 by David Roethel the Operations Manager who checked CO and oxygen levels and found them to be at safe levels for building entry. It was found that the dump stack remained closed throughout the entire incident so no hazardous smoke was emitted into the atmosphere. It was determined that an electrical issue cause the malfunction.

## Risk Evaluation:

Inhalation hazard from potentially hazardous smoke.

**# of Fatalities:** 0      **# of Injuries:** 0      **Affected Medium:** 01 - air

## Potential Environmental Impacts:

None because no smoke was released into the environment with the exception of venting the building.

## Action Taken or Planned:

Red River Electric is fixing the electrical problem.

**Wastes Disposal Location:** NA

**Agencies Involved:** Local Fire Department, State Health- Chris Roob

### **Updates**

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**Date:** 6/14/2013    **Status:** Reviewed - Assigned to NDDoH Division

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**Updated Volume:**

**Notes:**

No environmental release of smoke from the incinerator. Forwarded to Air Quality for any further investigation, if necessary.